Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Sir, on a point of order. Can an honourable member speak in support of the motion at this stage?

President: The question arises this way. I find from notices given to me that seven honourable members have already spoken on this including the honourable member who is on his legs. In the meantime the Chief Secretary has stated that the whole question is being re-examined and very shortly Government propose to issue orders on the subject of holidays. In that connection I have asked the honourable members whether they propose to go on with the resolution. At that juncture Mr. Kuruvilla wanted to make some observations and I permitted him to do that.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: Sir, I wanted to bring to the notice of this House and the Government that the Christians followed two calendars in regard to the observance of their religious days. There are those who follow the Western Church and others who follow the Eastern Church. Sir, going though this list, I find that the Western Calandar alone is taken into consideration. I only want to make a suggestion.

President: Honourable member knows quite well that according to the Greek Calendar almost every day is different, Christmas day is different, and the Easter days are different. I have some vague idea that on particular years the Christmas day has varied as much as 11 days.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: Yes. So, if you give the option for Government servants to choose between the one day or the other, it may be of advantage to the department as well, because all the Christians will not avail themselves of the leave at the same time if you give them the option to choose their holidays according to the Western or Eastern Calendars. I just want to point out this.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Sir, in view of the assurance given by the Chief Secretary to Government, I beg to withdraw the resolution.

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

The following resolutions were not moved:

Raising the pay of the Pakuthi Accountants.

2. MR. K. M. KESAVAN: This Council recommends to Government that the pay of the Pakuthi Accountants be raised to Rs. 18 per mensem.

Raising the pay of the Proverthikars.

3 MR. K. M. KESAVAN: This Council recommends to Government that the salary of the Proverthikars be raised to Rs. 25, Rs. 30 and Rs. 35 according to their grade.

Nationalisation of Salt Industry.

4. MR. K M. KESAVAN: This Council recommends to Government that the salt industry of the country be nationalised.

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